

YUBA CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

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The Honorable Susan E. Green
Presiding Judge of the Superior Court of California
County of Sutter
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To the Honorable Judge Green:

**RE: Yuba City Unified School District's Response to the
Findings/Recommendations per Penal Code Section 933.05**

The Yuba City Unified School District (YCUSD) submits the following response to the report, findings, and recommendations of the 2018-2019 Sutter County Grand Jury (SCGJ). Specifically, this responds to the report entitled Update: YCUSD Campus Repairs-Are Your Children Safe? prepared by the Education Committee.

The District appreciates the time and energy invested by the Education Committee while visiting the following District sites and meeting with site administrators.

- Andros Karperos Elementary School
- Barry Elementary School
- Gray Avenue Middle School
- Park Avenue Elementary School
- Riverbend Elementary School
- River Valley High School

SCGJ committee members toured the schools that had findings and recommendations in 2016-2017 to review the status of recommended repairs. It should be noted that YCUSD has a Master Facilities Plan that addresses district needs that covers 2014 through 2024.

The SCGJ committee conducted site inspections of six (6) Yuba City Unified School District Schools. Findings with recommendations for YCUSD Campus Repairs and Bridge Street School were submitted to the School Board on June 24, 2019.

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YCUSD Campus Repairs

FINDINGS: The District acknowledges all findings.

- F1. Andros Karperos Elementary School has a roof leak in the gym.
- F2. The removal of gutters from the modular buildings at Andros Karperos Elementary School causes water to pool into puddles behind the building and damage to the eaves.
- F3. The Andros Karperos Elementary School Campus needs cleaning.
- F4. Faculty members at Barry Elementary School are concerned with the number of tractor-trailers utilizing Barry Road to access Highway 99.
- F5. Gray Avenue Middle School still needs a gym.

SCGJ RECOMMENDATIONS:

- R1. The gym roof at Andros Karperos Elementary School should be replaced within one (1) year.
- R2. Reinstallation of the gutters with gutter screens on the modular buildings at Andros Karperos Elementary School should be completed before the start of the 2019-20 school year.
- R3. The staff at Andros Karperos Elementary School needs to formulate a plan to address and maintain cleanliness of the campus before the start of the 2019-20 school year.
- R4. A traffic safety analysis should be conducted on Barry Road by the start of the 2019-20 school year.
- R5. A gym for Gray Avenue Middle School be added to the project list within six months.

YCUSD Response to F1/R1:

The gym roof at Andros Karperos is a metal roof with a typical life span of 40 to 50 years. This roof was installed 20 years ago so there is still a significant useful life left for the roof. The roofing flashing was installed incorrectly causing the roof leaks. In December 2018, the District contracted with RUA and Son Mechanical to reinstall and repair the roof flashings. The roof leaks have stopped after the repairs were made.

- R2. Reinstallation of the gutters with gutter screens on the modular buildings at Andros Karperos Elementary School should be completed before the start of the 2019-20 school year.

YCUSD Response to F2/R2:

The gutters were removed during the winter of 18/19 due to damage being done to the building soffits. The gutter system is going to be correctly replaced during the summer of 2019.

- R3.** The staff at Andros Karperos Elementary School needs to formulate a plan to address and maintain cleanliness of the campus before the start of the 2019-20 school year.

YCUSD Response to F3/R3:

YCUSD has identified the need for a Custodial Supervisor to assist all school sites with setting cleaning expectations and completing follow up inspections to ensure a high standard of cleaning is being achieved. The Custodial Supervisor will start in the summer of 2019. The Director of Facilities has directed the site head custodian at Andros Karperos to adjust the custodial schedule to clean common areas on a more frequent schedule to address the cleanliness concerns.

- R4.** A traffic safety analysis should be conducted on Barry Road by the start of the 2019-20 school year.

YCUSD Response to F4/R4:

The District has recently adjusted the parent and bus drop off areas to improve traffic flow on the school site. The District does not have authority for traffic control on Barry Road. The District continues to work with Sutter County to address the traffic concerns at Barry Road.

- R5.** A gym for Gray Avenue Middle School be added to the project list within six months.

YCUSD Response to F5/R5:

The need for a gym at Gray Avenue has been identified as a need in the Community and Staff Outreach portion of the 2014 Master Facilities Plan. This project will be considered and prioritized with an updated Master Facilities Plan that will be dependent on available funding.

Bridge Street School

FINDINGS: The District acknowledges all findings.

- F1. Bridge Street School has a lack of parking and an inadequate pick up/drop off zone.
- F2. Crossing Bridge Street to access the school campus is unsafe.
- F3. Steps leading down to depressed library are a safety and trip hazard.

SCGJ RECOMMENDATIONS

- R1. YCUSD should reassess inadequate parking and pick up/ drop off zone at Bridge Street School by December 31, 2019.
- R2. YCUSD should conduct a study to find an additional method to cross Bridge Street safely by December 31, 2019.
- R3. Additional railing needs to be installed on the steps leading into the depressed library by December 31, 2019.

YCUSD Response to F1/R1:

Additional staff parking is available at the Hmong Alliance Church on A Street. The District is working with the City of Yuba City to find ways to improve the pick up/ drop off zones to reduce the traffic impact on public streets.

- R2. YCUSD should conduct a study to find an additional method to cross Bridge Street safely by December 31, 2019.

YCUSD Response to F2/R2:


The District has strongly discouraged parents from parking on the opposite side of Bridge Street. If parents park on the opposite side of Bridge, they need to use the existing cross walk at Plumas and Bridge Street.

- R3. Additional railing needs to be installed on the steps leading into the depressed library by December 31, 2019.

YCUSD Response to F3/R3:

The District has been reviewing options to reconfigure the library stairs which would address the railing concerns.

Respectfully,

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Doreen Osumi
Superintendent

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